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CYBERTRON. While corrupt Senators hoard profits from state energy supplies, the growing numbers of unemployed cannot even find the means by which to fuel themselves.

When the Senate elects to automate yet another off-planet mine and make all employees redundant, the betrayed miners rebel. The security forces come down hard. The result—a massacre. Key workers are held responsible. En route to prison, they make a desperate bid for freedom by commandeering their shuttlecraft and fleeing to one of the most troubled population centers in all the city-states—**KAON**—a place where life has no value and death sometimes has a price...

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HU-UUAAAAAGGGHH!

AND... YOU'RE DONE.

HN... THINK SO?

HEH... DUMB SCRAP. GOT NO WEAPON?

"CAN ALWAYS—"

—BECOME ONE!

VRRRR

AAAAAHK!

GAARRKK...

GUK... GU...

WHAT'S THE NEWBIE WAITING FOR?

IT'S NOT FINISHED....

...SO FINISH IT.

FINISH HIM!

'TIL ALL ARE ONE!

'TIL ALL ARE ONE!

'TIL ALL ARE ONE!

'TIL ALL ARE ONE!

NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES...

HOORAY!

YAY!

...TO BE A *CHAMPION!*

YAY! YAY! YAY!

YAY!

HOORAY!

YAAA!

HOORAY!

HOORAY!

WHOO-HOO!

YAY!

YAY!

HOORAY!

YAAA!

YAAA!

"SENATOR... SENATOR! A SLICE OF YOUR TIME... SENATOR... *SIR*?!"

SIR, *PLEASE*?!

WHAT IS IT, *WORM*?

THE COMMITTEE'S MINUTES →HUF← ARE IN NEED →HUF← OF YOUR—

IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU BRING ME *FORMS TO FILL OUT*?! MY ROLE IS THE APPLICATION OF WISDOM THROUGH *JUDGEMENT*.

WOULD YOU HAVE ME SERVE THE STATE THROUGH *MINUTIA*?!

UM... NO, BUT...

THEN YOU'LL EXCUSE ME. I HAVE SOMETHING *CONSEQUENTIAL* TO ATTEND TO.

INTEREST SUMMARY
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I HAVEN'T GOT ALL SOLAR CYCLE... BEGIN!

ACKNOWLEDGED, SENATOR RATBAT... INITIATING.

—AGAIN INDICATED "NO DEAL" REACHED IN THE NINTH SOLAR CYCLE OF ONGOING LABOR DISPUTES...

CONTINUE SALTING BOTH GROUPS WITH HOSTILES. WHEN THE STOCK HITS 25, BUY MAJORITY OWNERSHIP.

NEXT!

INVESTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED.

—SPECIAL REPORT ON SHORTAGES OF ENERGON. SENATE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON RUMORS OF STOCKPIL—

ISSUE STATEMENT REITERATING COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED FLOW MANAGEMENT DESPITE INSTABILITY.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

—OSSIBILITY OF BREAKTHROUGH "LEVITATION" TECHNOLOGY WITH FAR REACHING IMPLICA—

-:S GH:-
SALE THE INVESTMENT. DUMP ENTIRETY OF THE REPULSOR TECHNOLOGY FUND, THEN REACQUIRE THROUGH SHELL AFTER CRASH.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

—SOME OF OUR VIEWERS MAY FIND SHOCKING. THIS REPRESENTS AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SURGE OF POPULARITY INTO A DEADLY NEW SPORT, ONE THAT IS PLAYED—

—FOR KEEPS. VID-DISKS CATALOGING EACH GRIM EVENT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE STREET, TYPICALLY WITHIN MEGACYCLES OF EACH EVENT'S COMPLETION. COMBINED WITH BETTING PERCENTAGE, THE TWO STREAMS MERGE TO FUND THE NEXT EVENT—

INTERESTING...

...VERY INTERESTING...

YOUR COMMAND?

BATTLE 6.

BATTLE 18.

BATTLE 54.

CIRCLE FORMATION!

I SAID CIRCLE FORMATION! BETABEAR, GET OVER—

—HERE... DAMMIT!

DAMMIT, BETABEAR'S TOAST.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!

SURROUNDED... DON'T KNOW... I JUST DON'T—

UNH-GRRRHH!

WHA—

GO AHEAD, CLENCH—

—TAKE ONE FOR THE TEAM.

CONGRATULATIONS, WORM! YOU SPEARED THE MIGHTY CLENCH!

GAH!

NOW, MIND IF I HELP MYSELF?

THAT'S OKAY, CLENCH, TAKE A REST—

AAAAAHHHH!!

—I THINK I CAN TAKE THINGS FROM HERE.

WHOA!

DIDYA SEE—

NOW... CIRCLE FORMATION!

"DESCRIPTIVELY, IT'S CALLOUSNESS TOWARDS VICTIMS, ENCOURAGING AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDES AND TAKING PLEASURE IN PAIN AND HUMILIATION

"LEGALLY, IT'S EITHER SERIOUS ASSAULT, OR MURDER, DEPENDING ON HOW IT'S EDITED THEY CALL IT A SPORT—"

AND THIS WOULD BE WHERE HE PROMOTED HIMSELF TO TEAM CAPTAIN.

SO FAR, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE AT LEAST SIXTEEN VOLUMES CONTAINING "ARENA" VIDEO ASSETS.

ALL OF THEM ARE ILLEGAL COMBAT MOST OF THEM HAVE AT LEAST SOME MATERIAL FEATURING THIS TEAM.

WE CAN CONCLUDE THESE DISKS ARE NETTING ***SOMEONE*** A FORTUNE.

INEXPENSIVE TO PRODUCE WITH APPROXIMATELY ***FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND*** OF THIS VOLUME ALONE IN DISTRIBUTION, SO—

LOOK, THE RESPONSE TEAM JUST NEEDS TO KNOW ONE THING—

—WHERE...

...HE ...IS.

ATTEN-SHUN!

PRIME ON DECK!

SENTINEL PRIME, SIR!

BE SEATED

YOU ALL KNOW HOW I WORK. AND YOU KNOW HOW SERIOUS IT IS THAT I'M HERE. I DON'T PLAY GAMES. THIS IS HOW IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN.

I WILL HAVE EIGHT TACTICAL RECON TEAMS ON PERMANENT POSTINGS AT PROBABLE FUTURE ARENA VENUES. THERE WILL BE A CORE STR.KE TEAM—HAMMER. IT WILL RESPOND WHEN THE NET IS TR.GGERED.

THEY'RE EVAS.VE BUT THEY'RE FAR FROM INVISIBLE.

WE WAIT FOR THEM TO MOVE IN *EN MASSE* AND WHEN THEY TR.P OUR NET, WE GO IN HOT AND WE TAKE THEM DOWN.

"WE HAVE VIDEO ACROSS THE CITY—

"—BULK REAL-TIME DATA PROCESSING THANKS TO OUR TELECLUSTER—

—SECURITY CONTROL IS READY."

INDIVIDUAL TEAMS WILL REDISPERSE AS DESIGNATED. CALLSIGN IS ***PANORAMA***. WE ***WILL*** CRACK DOWN ON THIS CULT—

—AND ***THAT*** ONE WILL ***HANG***.

BUMPER IS RIGHT, PROWL.

EVEN PITFIGHTERS WOULD BE SLUMM NG IT HERE.

PANORAMA 3 TO MONITOR—WHAT MAKES ANYONE THINK THERE'D BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN RUST GO NG DOWN AT A DIVE LIKE THIS?

PANORAMA 3, YOU KNOW THE DRILL—MOUTHS SHUT, EYES OPEN. MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE UNTIL AN ALPHA TARGET IS SPOTTED OR FIELD TEAM IS COMPROMISED. OVER AND OUT.

EIGHTEEN *CYKES* OF THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE EVEN *MY* VISION GLITCH

—FASTBACK, YOU GETTING THIS?

NO WONDER WE CAN'T *TRACK* THEM BETWEEN VENUES... THEY DON'T *SHIP* THE ARENA COMPONENTS TO THE VENUE—

—THEY *BUILD* IT ON-SITE!

WHA... WHAT?

ON THREE! ONE, TWO—

—THREE!

HEY, A N'T WE EARLY, BOSS?

EITHER CONSTRUCTION IS BEHIND, OR MY INFORMATION IS WRONG.

YOUR DES GNATION— *MEGATRON?*

IT IS.

WHAT THE— WHAA?

THEN I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU. TECHNOLOGY—

—WEAPONRY—

—THE MEANS TO MODIFY YOURSELF TO INCORPORATE THOSE TECHNOLOGIES—

—AND THE INFORMATION TO APPLY THOSE TOOLS.

ENOUGH! SHOW YOURSELF.

MY DESIGNATION— SOUNDWAVE.

BEFORE INQUIRY IS MADE—ARENA LOCATION REVEALED IN ADVANCE IN DIRECT RELATION TO FINANCIAL OFFERING.

BRIBES? I SEE. THE ARENA IS A POORLY KEPT SECRET SHORTLY BEFORE THE GAMES BEGIN.

HMMF... AND WHAT PRICE DO YOU ASK FOR THESE *MIGHTY GIFTS*?

AS—

—YOU—

—WISH.

ONLY THAT YOU USE THEM—

—AS YOU SEE FIT.

READINGS OFF THE SCALE..

...WHO THE.. NO, WHAT THE HECK *IS* THAT GUY..?

UH... FASTBACK?

SCRAP!

BAIL, BAIL, WE HAVE TO CLEAR THE SITE THIS IS OP TEAM PANORAMA 3 REQUESTING RESPONSE TEAM ON HOSTILE ENCOUNTER.

"CCCCCHHCCKCK"

PANORAMA 3 CALLING FOR URGENT RESPONSE TEAM, CONFIRM.

FASTBACK, BAIL OUT!

"CCCCCHHHCCKCK"

FASTBACK...?

...SCRAP.

ZZZZTT!!

GET HIM BACK ONLINE.

I WANT HIM TO SEE THIS.

GOOD.

WATCH.

-:UNF:-

WA-WAIT!

FASTBACK!

WHY DID YOU...

PURPOSE OF... TERM NATING PRISONER?

SHOWING HIM WHAT HAPPENS IF HE DOESN'T TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!

CRAM IT IN YOUR VENT, YA PSYCHOPATH!

-:GUHH:-

EH?

UPON DETECTION THE SUBJECT'S COMMUNICATIONS WERE JAMMED. ANALYSIS—WE ARE NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER.

SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION—EMPLOY SPECIALIST.

WAAH-OOF!

AAH!

SUBJECT'S MIND INDICATES A BROAD NET CAST TO SNARE ARENA FIGHTERS. THEY DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE COMING HERE.

SUBJECT'S KNOWLEDGE ALSO INDICATES YOU ARE ONE OF THE FOREMOST MEMBERS OF AN ARENA FIGHTERS "MOST WANTED" LIST.

CONCLUSION— SUBJECT IS NEITHER IMMEDIATE THREAT NOR USEFUL TOOL.

THEN YOU'RE FINISHED?

AFFIRMATIVE.

EGH... SCRAPPER, THIS SITE IS *COMPROMISED*, LEAVE EVERYTHING.

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

THEN, SOUNDWAVE, TELL YOUR MASTER THAT I THINK WE CAN DO BUSINESS—ONCE I'VE MET HIM.

AND THIS ONE... HE'S *MINE*.

NOW... WHAT DID YOU CALL ME—?

"...PSYCHOPATH?"

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